

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 13th, 2023

The Middle Niobrara NRD Board of Directors meeting was advertised in the Valentine Midland News, Ainsworth Star Journal, Rock County Ledger, Springview Herald, & Sheridan County Journal Star.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Graff at 3:02 pm. Graff noted that the Open Meetings Act Laws were posted. The following persons were present:

Directors: Present: Justin Hammond, Leonard Danielski, Mark Monroe
Tim Nollette, Greg Wilke, Stephanie DeNaeyer, Marty Graff
Staff: Mike Murphy, Kyle Temple, James Battershaw, Rick Joseph, Chandler Schmidt
NRCS: Christine Lousias
UNL Ext:
Houston Eng: Jessie Dillion
Guests: Jenny Suhr
Absent:

Public Comment

No comment.

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Nollette second by Danielski to approve the January 9th, 2023 Board of Director's meeting minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Wilke, DeNaeyer & Monroe. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Hammond reported the balances for general ledger, NPAIT general and sinking funds, CD's, manager's account, and checks to be approved.

Murphy went over checks to be approved.

Motion by Hammond second by DeNaeyer to approve the February 13th, 2023, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Wilke, DeNaeyer & Monroe. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Discussion held on Union Bank CD renewal.

Motion by Monroe second by Nollette to approve moving Union Bank CD #907139 to NPAIT. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Wilke, DeNaeyer & Monroe. Nay - None. Abstain — Hammond. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Directors' Forum

Nothing new to report. Murphy thanked everyone for their attendance at Legislative Conference.

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

Nothing new to report.

Niobrara Council

Murphy gave an update. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday February 16th.

NRCS

Lousias gave an update on her report that was including in the director's packet. Local Work Group Meeting will be held on March 14th following the MNNRD Board Meeting at 5:00 pm.

NARD

Graff gave an update. Murphy gave an update on the Legislative Conference. Murphy gave an update on the Washington DC Conference. Legislative updates included in the director's packet. Graff passed out the information for the different awards presented by the NARD.

NRC

Wilke stated that there was nothing new to report. Next meeting will be Wednesday February 15th, 2023.

Water Committee

Discussions held at Ainsworth on February 1st on Fertilizer Reports and Irrigated Acres. Discussion held on February 13th at Valentine on 2 Water Quality Cost Share Applications.

Motion by Danielski second by Monroe to Approve two Water Quality Cost Share applications. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Wilke, Danielski, DeNaeyer & Monroe. Nay - None. Abstain — Graff. Absent — Hammond Stepped out at 3:30 pm. Motion carried.

Natural Resources Committee

Discussions held on Green Project Reserve Project.

Motion by Nollette second by Monroe to approve E&A to continue with the Green Project Reserve Project. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Wilke, Graff, Danielski, DeNaeyer & Monroe. Nay - None. Abstain — Graff. Absent — Hammond. Motion carried.

Discussions held on bids for LPCW Phase 3 & Phase 4.

Motion by Nollette second by Monroe to accept the bid, with the willingness to work within grant funding parameters, from Husker Grading for LPCW Phase 3 & 4. Hammond Stepped back in 3:33. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Wilke, Graff, Danielski, Hammond, DeNaeyer & Monroe. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Discussions held on the purchase of a drone.

Motion by Nollette second by Monroe to approve the purchase of DJI MAVIC 3 Classic drone. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Wilke, Graff, Danielski, Hammond, DeNaeyer & Monroe. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Administrative Assistant Report

Joseph reviewed his report that was included in the director's packet.

Technician Reports

Battershaw and Temple's reports were reviewed that were included in the director's packet. Temple gave a Water Nitrate update presentation.

Watershed Coordinator Report

Schmidt reviewed his report that was included in the director's packet.

Manager's Report

Murphy provided an overview of his report. Murphy thanked the staff for keeping up with snow removal.

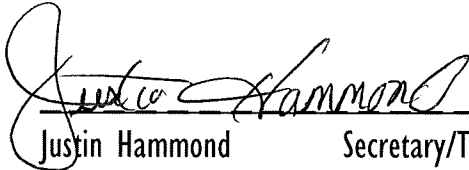
Excused Absence

No Absences

Announcements

No announcements

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:58 Approved by roll call vote. Absent – Wilke Stepped out at 3:55 pm.



Justin Hammond

Secretary/Treasurer

3-13-23

Date